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Boasting Disputers

Of this World briefly

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And Answered according to their Folly, which they themselves have manifested in a late Pamphlet, entituled, *Advice to all Professors and Writers.*

Though this their said Pamphlet doth not set forth the place where it was printed, yet mentioning so many things of *Babylon*, for Example, *The Councils, Liturgies, and Universities of Babylon*, page 2. *The Babylonian Churches*, page 4. *The Babylonian Feasts*, page 7. *The four chief Quarters of Babylon*, page 8: And being it self thoroughly full of Babel, or Confusion, it thereby plainly discloseth, that it was hatched in the very Center of that great City, whose wise and learned men,

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most able (in their own Conceit) to advise others, can not write but thus sinisterly, even with their right hands. I at present not intending to touch all the fond and unfound Expressions, occuring almost in every Paragraph of the said Pamphlet, leaving it to such as by the *poor dark Devil without a Body*, page 1. &c. are or may be concerned, to make their own Apology, I shall only take a little Notice,

I. Of some swelling words of these vain Braggards;

II. Of the Unreasonableness of their Challenge;

III. Of their abusing and traducing W. P. in particular.

IV. Of their slandering and mis-representing the People called *Quakers* in general; &

V. Of their self guiltiness of what they charge us with al.

§. 1.

Page 1. They stile themselves, *The Brethren in America*; page 7. *The true Church of Philadelphia or Brotherly Love*, &c.

This sounds mightily afar off, and some silly Women in *Germany*, who may happen to see their Pamphlet, which probably for that end and purpose was Printed in the high Dutch tongue, besides the English) will be ready to think this Church or Brotherhood something real and considerable

considerable. But to undeceive those, who prefer Truth before Fictions and Falshood, I herewith must inform them, that all these precious Names and Epithets in the pages above quoted, and more others, are a meer *Kosterian* Chimera, an idle fancy. He the said H. B. *Koster* arriving here in *Pensilvania*, his brain and head filled with Whimsical and boisterous Imaginations, but his Hands and Purse empty of the Money, which [illegible] beyond Sea imparted unto him, [illegible] was as cunning as to intice and [illegible] five to a Commonalty of goods, and to [illegible] a Plantation near *German Town*, upon a Tract of Land given unto them, calling the same IRENIA, that is to say, The House of Peace, which not long after became ERINNIA, The House of raging Contension, and now returned to the Donour, the Brethren in *America* being gone and dispersed, and the Church of *Philadelphia* (falsly so called) proving momentary, and of no moment, *Mark* 3, 25.

Page 3. They tell, how *they entered the 25th day of* September, 1690. *into our yearly Meeting at Burlington, and there lifted up their Voices like Trumpets, and broke our Friends voices in the midst &c.*

That at such a time and place (we being assembled not to quarrel with any Brawlers, but to worship the living God in Spirit and in

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Truth, waiting for the enjoyment of his Comfortable-preſence, H. B. *Koſter*, with ſome not much unlike unto himſelf, came into our Meeting-Houſe, and there as Trumpets of an uncertain ſound, were blown by the Prince of the Power of the Air, who ruleth and operateth in the Children of Unbelief, we do not deny. Neither is the Impudency of theſe our Adverſaries a New thing unto us; For ſeveral others before them, acted likewiſe by him, who made bold to appear in the midſt of the Sons of God when they came to preſent themſelves before the Lord, *Job* 1. 6. entered into Friends Meeting-houſes, and by their ill behaviour and diſorderly Interruptings, attempted to diſturb the People religiouſly therein gathered. With theſe troubleſome men of Belial, H. B. K. W. D. T. R. T. B. and the reſt of their Fraternity, in whoſe behalf they have ſigned their Pamphlet, may ſome cut their own ſhame as they will. We, meaſurably quickned with Chriſt, are ſet down in a ſafe and heavenly hiding place, *viz.* his powerfull Name, having that ſatisfactory aſſurance, that there the Enemy and his wicked Inſtruments cannot approach nor hurt us; Praiſes to the Lord our God for ever. §. 11.

Page 1 *They challenge every oppoſing Writer or Profeſſor*, but with this Proviſo, *That none who will not be accounted by them as a vagabond Egyptian*

tion, and his answer as a railing Pamphlet, must write again, unless he have first appeared upon the publick Theater and Stage of the Church and of the World upon a dispute, at Philadelphia, &c. or in the Houses of the four Subscribers aforementioned, and of others.

The Church of these disputers and the World are very close one by the other; and if *the ignorant Babes, Pietists and Millenists* will take the Counsel given them by these advisers, p. 8. *and seek this Church*, they need not to travel farther than towards this Theater of the World, where they may be sure to find her. But ours being in God, and the members thereof chosen out of the world, and redeemed from the Contentiousness & other vain Customs of the same, will never engage in such a stage play or Theatrical Jangling and Wrangling with these Bablers and Mountebanks of Babylon; In whose four chief Quarters we are not so well acquainted as to find out their respective houses and lodgings, where they like Milstones having no grist to grind, set themselves on fire; on fire of hell, *Jam.* 3. 6. and so as *Egyptians* against *Egyptians*, *Isa.* 19. 2. with divided Tongues work and promote their own Destruction, *Psalm* 55. 9. what reason they had to huff and hector in their Cartel, p. 1. and 2. with a *Let it be known to all the World, and let it be known unto all the Nations*, &c. And

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yet to suppress and smother this their monstrous Product, after it came from the Press, communicating only a few Copies to those who want'd it from us, because they were not of us, as also some to a *Maryland* Doctor, delivering none to the Parties challenged, nor to any of the People called *Quakers* who they therein most foully Aperse and defame, the Ingennous and Impartial Reader may judge. If they have writen (and printed) in haste, and now repent by leasure, as the Proverb saith, they will confess and forsake; which is the worst I wish them, and unto all Gain-sayers of Truth, as at the contrary hand I heartily should pitty their Condition, in case they or any of them hereafter should go on in their Wrath, Lyes and Clamorous barking against Gods everlasting Truth, and the Possessors, as well as Professors thereof, which the Lord as certainly hath determined to exalt in this the day of his great Power, as the unbelieving, the abominable and all Lyers shall be cast down in the lake and bottomless Pit.

§. III.

The railing and scandalous Reproaches, wherewith they endeavour to render *W. P.* odious in the ears of all the Nations of the world (for thereunto they direct their advice, as aforesaid) are a base and detestable perverting

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and misconstruction of his words, fully answered by our Friend *Thomas Ellwood*, in his Book, called, *Truth defended*, from page 113. to page 125. If these detracters, especially *W. P.*'s old servant *Tho. Rutter* (*cujus nunc spirant commendatæ folles*) be able to reply something thereat, let them forge as opprobrious weapons as ever they can, and Truth will be further defended by it self, against all their peevish and malitious objections. I at this time am not to inlarge about a passage so amply and solidly refuted. This only I would put *Tho. Rutter* in mind, that Ingratitude is one of the blackest Crimes among honest men, and an hard matter to have his words wrested, and to be requited with Slanders for kindness, or to feel a Sting, wherein good reason, Honey might be expected. Concerning *Solomon Eccles*'s expression, I here (loathing needless repetitions, or *actum agere*) additionally refer our doting Opposers likewise to the 112 th page of the above cited Treatise, and proceed to

§. IV.

Page 2. They say, *That the root of Antichristianity, that is to say, the Denyal of Jesus in the flesh, is to be found among the* Quakers. And at the bottom of the same p. 2. *That the* Quakers *deny Jesus, to be properly the Son of God.* Item, page 4. *That the* Quakers *say, Christ hath*

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asserted that which is not himself, but only a Garment, &c. And in the said 4th pag.; *That the Quakers deny God in his most high Spirits and Godheads Power to be the Father of Christs Body, and Mary the Mother.*

All this I declare to be down right Calumnies and an absolute untruth in the whole and every part of it, as to all unprejudiced persons, who but cursorily (for he that runs may read here) will view or inspect the several solemn Confessions published from time to time by the said People concerning their Faith, and what they believe of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, both as he is true God and Perfect Man, must needs most conspicuously appear. For this despised People (by those Scorners called *Quakerian Spirits*, page 7.) always sincerely believed in their hearts, and confessed with their Mouths, that Christ Jesus is the OWN AND ONLY BEGOTTEN Son of God, the express Image (or Character) of his Substence; He in the Father, and the Father in him; He and the Father ONE, in essence, goodness, will and works; EQUAL in Power, Glory and Majesty; the same individed and indivisible Jehovah; that therefore the Evangelical Prophet *Isa.* 7. 14. & 9. 6. did right well say, His Name should be IMMANUEL (God with us) the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, &c.

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And as the *Quakers* constantly owned and earnestly contended for Christs Divinity or Godhead, as part of the precious Faith delivered to them. So they in like manner upon all occasions professed and still do profess, that Christ Jesus, the Word of God, when the fullness of time was come, (whereof *Jacob* prophecyed many ages before, *Gen.* 49. 10.) *viz.*, under *Cæsar Augustus*, in the days of *Herod* was made flesh, took upon him the Nature of Man, the form of a Servant, partaking of Flesh and Blood, as Children do, made of a Woman, born of that blessed Virgin *Mary*, in *Bethlehem* of *Judea*, after he was conceived in her by the overshadowing of the holy Ghost, &c. So that they in uprightness of their hearts acknowledge God Almighty to be most properly the Father of Jesus Christ, both in respect of his eternal Generation, and also of this his Conception in the appointed Time But *Mary* to be his Mother only in relation to the last, and not to the former.

For inasmuch as Christ Jesus is the true unchangeable God, having neither beginning of days nor end of Life, he was before *Mary*, *Abraham*, or any thing that was made, visible and invisible, *Joh.* 1. 2. *and* 8. 58. *Col.* 1. 16. He was before *John* his fore runner, although he came after him, *Joh.* 1. 14. He was the Lord

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of David, as well as of the fruit of his Loyns, *Mat.* 22. 45. *Acts* 2. 30. Both the Root and Off-spring of God according to the Spirit of holiness, *Rom.* 1. 4. He was before any of the Fathers were, the first-born of every Creature, *Col.* 1. 15. but concerning the flesh *Rom.* 9. 5. He came of the Fathers of the seed of *Abraham*, and of the stock of *David*; He himself being *David's* our Prince, the Prince of our Peace, blessed for-ever. *Ezek.* 37. 24, 25.

Moreover it is the unanimous Faith and Confession of the called *Quakers*, That Christ Jesus, as God, or according to his Godhead, is IMMORTAL, and never was nor can be killed; and that by reason he through death might destroy him, that had the power of death, i. e. the Devil, he took part of Flesh and Blood *Heb.* 2. 14. He the glorious Messenger of the Covenant (fulfilling the Prophecy of *Malachi* 3. 1.) came to his Temple, the prepared Body, which the *Jews* did destroy, but could never destroy him, who by his own Omnipotency was able to raise it up again in three days, *Joh.* 2. 19. He suffered for us in the flesh, and was put to death in the flesh, 1. *Pet.* 3. 18, 4. 1. Consecrating thereby, as through the VAIL, to us a new and living way, freely to enter in to the holiest, *Heb.* 10. 19. All which (if we hearken to the Sophistry of these deluding Seducers, page 3.) would be a direct Oppo-

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sition to the words, *Heb.* 9. 26. *Having offered himself, or by the Sacrifice of himself.* But we know, their inference to be naught, and by far not so tolerable, as if one should conclude, that because *H. B. K*'s Body was newly baptized or plung'd in water, therefore he himself was not. The Apostle *Peter* was quite ignorant of such an inconsiderate Consequence, saying in his first Epistle *chap.* 2. 24. *That Christ his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the Tree.* This the *Quakers* believe, and is (I am certain) sound Doctrine, parrallel with that of *Heb.* 9. 26.

Page 5. They say, *That many of the Quakers in Preachings and writings revile the Baptism and Supper of Christ,* &c *desiring us, to shew them, by what second Decree and Message of Christ and his Apostles the Union of the Spirit with the outward Creature, as Water, Bread, Wine, and the like, hath been abrogated.*

I wonder, that men so forward to dispute upon the publick Theater of Church and World should be so unskilled in disputing, as to require us to prove the abolishing of an Union, we all along denyed. They holding the affirmative, ought first to evince, that Christ Jesus united himself, the Quickening *Spirit* with *Water, Bread, Wine,* and the like outward Creatures. John the *Baptist* who was sent to prepare the way before Christ, told his hearers in the Wilderness, *I indeed have baptized you with Water, BUT He* (Christ Jesus) *shall baptize*

[illegible] with the holy *Ghost*, Mark 1. 8. by [illegible] BUT he did not intimate an Union of the Spirit with the outward Water, but rather thereby contra-distinguish them both from each other. Christ in the days of his flesh made the same difference, *Acts* 11. 16. and *Peter* well remembring the words of his Lord and Master, excludeth that corruptible Element of Water, and the outward Washing, from Christs Baptism, 1 *Pet.* 2. 23. & 3. 21. *Paul* knowing only one Baptism of the one Lord, *Ephes.* 4. 5. saith, *It is made by the one Spirit*, 1 *Cor.* 12. 13. Not by the one Spirit united with the outward Creature. And *Heb.* 9. 10. That the Rites or Ordinances imposed on those under the Law, consisting in Meats, Drinks and divers Baptisms, were only until the time of Reformation, pursuing *vers.* 11. But Christ being come, &c. Thus the People called *Quakers* proclaim, and say, *Christ; the desire of all Nations is come; The Refiner and Purifier of the Sons of* Levi *is come: The Repairer of the Breach, and Restorer of Paths to dwell in, is come: Christ, the* SUBSTANCE *is come.* The Day of the Lords Redemption is dawned; all Figures, Types and Shadows are vanisht away; and it is not them that villifie the Baptism and Supper of our Lord Jesus, who sensibly can witness their sins thereby washed off, and their inward Man nourished by the living Bread which comes down from Heaven; but it

by those *Anabaptists* themselves, who (like *Simon Magus*) rather defile the Waters, than that the Waters should cleanse their Souls; and who (though dipped over head and ears, yet as filthy Dreamers, *Jude v.* 8.) do dream as if they did eat, but when they awaken, are empty. They fain would perswade others, that the Bread which they break, is the Communion of the Body of Christ, and nevertheless are so infatuated as to assert, pag 7. *That the Body of Christ is absent from the Saints on Earth*; and so they must eat, (or rather fancy to eat) what they have not.

§. V.

That these our false Accusers are themselves guilty of what they blame the People called *Quakers* withal, (I hope) by the fore-going is partly evident, to such whose Eyes are not blinded by Partiality. Yet seeing they stigmatize us with *Spiritual Babylon* & *Anti-christianity*, pag. 2. I here, in short (though not obscure) Arguments shall demonstrate, that these our Adversaries themselves are both *Babylonians* and *Anti-Christs*.

Babylonians, 1. Because of the *Babylonish* Tongues they are in; grievous Revolters, Slanderers, Corrupters, *Jer.* 6. 28.

2. Because of the confusedness of their Language, some not understanding the Speech of

[illegible], who cryed for Water to be plunged [illegible] that they were ſcattered before they [illegible] the Tower of their imaginary Church.

Anti-chriſts, Becauſe they ſet themſelves againſt the Lords anointed, under a fair pretence to be for him. Chriſt in the greek ſignifieth *Anointed*, and the Preposition *Anti*, as well for as againſt (ſee *Mat.* 17. 27. *Luk.* 2. 34.) The very *Papiſts* make a great ſhew for Chriſts coming in the fleſh, diſhonouring all their Temples, Cloiſters and Chappels, yea, and many of their Streets and High-ways with the Images of a Woman holding a Child in her Arms, which they call *Jeſus* and *Maria* his Mother: Before theſe ſtatuary or painted Deities they bow their Knees, and commit Idolatry. *Anti-chriſts* in a high degree, in a groſs and moſt Palpable manner.

But our preſent Adverſaries *H. B. K. W. D. T. R.* & *T. B.* are more ſubtil; they impudently charge us with the *Denyal of Chriſts coming in the fleſh*, and would have the World have that good Opinion of them, as if they did confeſs him to be become, alledging 1 *John* 4. 3. when in the mean time they combine and take part with our old Adverſaries, owning, in their carnal Mind, Chriſt no otherwiſe but after the fleſh, denying Chriſt, as Chriſt, to have had an Exiſtence before that Body, which was born of the *Virgin Mary*, arguing thus for that Body,

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of flesh, to call it strictly and simply Christ Jesus. Now if this their Potition be true, then Christ had his beginning and original about 1697 years ago, and his goings forth were not from the days of Eternity, contrary to *Mica* 5. 2. Then these *American Brethren* (when one day or another they should be willing to put forth a Confession of their Faith and Principles, which the World is still wanting) can only say, Christ the flesh is come, but not Christ is come in the flesh, which to deny, is according to 1 *John* 4. 3. to be that *ANTI-CHRIST*. The People called *Quakers* can and do truly say, That He who is come in the flesh is Christ; and that he who was manifest in the flesh, & purchased us with his own Blood, is God above all, praised and Magnified forever and forever, *Amen*.

Francis Daniel Pastorius.

THE END.

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